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ANTIPARASITIC AGENTS IN ANIMALS**[75] **Inventor:** **Danny H. Lewis, Hartselle, Ala.**[73] **Assignee:** **Alkermes Controlled Therapeutics
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A delivery system for providing antiparasitic agents to animals is provided and a method of treating parasitic infections in animals using such delivery systems is described. The delivery system is particularly useful for treatment with avermectins and milbemycins in lactide/glycolide polymeric matrices.

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